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FROM ODC ROME

E.O. 11652: GDS 85
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SUBJECT: ITALIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL (U)

REF: (A) SECDEF, 3018, 122340Z APR 78 (C); (B) ODC ROME, 5950,
311640Z MAR 78 (C).

1. PURSUANT TO PARA 1 -, \$ 2 OF REF (A) MOD ITALY HAS ADVISED
THAT ALL, REPEAT ALL HOWITZERS AND AMMUNITION ARE OF MAP ORIGIN.

2. PURSUANT TO PARA 3 OF REF (A), EXCESS DECLARATION HAS NOT
BEEN SUBMITTED TO DATE SINCE THIS OFFICE WAS AWAITING FINAL MOD
DECISION ON MOVING MATERIEL TO FINAL DESTINATION AT GOI EXPENSE.
WE HAVE BEEN FINALLY ADVISED BY MOD THAT THEY CAN FIND NO
LEGAL WAY TO DISBURSE FUNDS FOR THIS MOVEMENT AND HAVE
REQUESTED THIS OFFICE EXPRESS THEIR REGRETS TO US GOVERNMENT.
THIS DECISION WAS REACHED AFTER MONTHS OF STUDY AT THE
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HIGHEST MOD LEVELS. THIS OFFICE WILL NOW SUBMIT AN EXCESS
DECLARATION FOR ALL THE MATERIEL IN QUESTION.

3. THE AMMUNITION IS READY NOW FOR SHIPMENT. THE FIRST
GROUP OF 18 HOWITZERS IS BEING RUN THROUGH A MAINTENANCE
FACILITY TO INSURE THAT THEY WILL BE IN EXCELLENT CONDITION.
THIS FIRST GROUP WILL BE READY FOR SHIPMENT ON 30 APRIL 1978.

THE FORECAST FOR THE SECOND GROUP IS IN THE AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 1978 TIMEFRAME.

4. AS REGARDS THE LAST PART OF REF (A) MOD ITALY, FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, WAS ALWAYS AWARE THAT THEY WERE NOT OBLIGED TO BRING MATERIEL TO FINAL DESTINATION AT THEIR EXPENSE BUT THAT THEY WERE COMMITTED, AT THEIR EXPENSE, TO DELIVER THIS MATERIEL TO ANY POINT IN ITALY ABOARD INLAND CARRIER AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY THIS OFFICE.

5. REF PARA 4 OF REF (B), PORTUGUESE OFFICERS ARE DUE IN ROME AND WILL BE GIVEN A SHORT BRIEFING ON TUESDAY, 18 APRIL 1978. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS OFFICE HAS BEEN INVITED TO THIS BRIEFING. FOLLOWING THE BRIEFING, PORTUGUESE OFFICERS WILL VISIT THE VARIOUS LOGISTICAL ORGANIZATIONS WHERE MATERIEL IS STORED OR BEING REFURBISHED. GARDNER

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